

## **IHSAA GUIDELINES FOR EJECTION OF PLAYERS**

Penalty: Any student disqualified from an interscholastic contest by game officials for flagrant, violent, or verbal misconduct will be ineligible for the \*next regularly scheduled game/meet/date at that level of competition and all other games/meets/dates contests/matches in the interim at any level including IHSAA postseason tournaments in addition to any other penalties the IHSAA or the school may assess.

The second violation carries a four \*regularly scheduled game/meet/date ineligibility including IHSAA postseason tournaments.

Subsequent violations will result in penalties determined by the local school district and the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

If penalties are imposed at the end of the sports season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over in the next sport the student participates in.

If a student-athlete is ejected from a junior varsity contest and the next junior varsity game/meet/date is not scheduled within 10 days, contact the IHSAA for a ruling regarding the length of supervision. Anytime a student-athlete is ejected from a game/meet, he/she does not participate the remainder of that day. The student is also suspended from the next scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted date at that level of competition and all games/meets in the interim at other levels of competition.

Any school that does not enforce this policy will be placed on probation and will not be permitted to participate in any IHSAA-sponsored events for one calendar year. This policy is in effect in all interscholastic contests, grades 7-12.

\*The "next regularly scheduled game/meet" is defined as the next scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted date.

EXAMPLE: "Player A is ejected from the first game of a doubleheader baseball game. What is the penalty?" Ruling: Player A must sit out the second game of the doubleheader and is suspended from the next scheduled date at that level of competition and all games in the interim at any level. This ruling would also apply to double-dual or dual team wrestling meets and junior varsity/varsity contests. The suspended player must adhere to the suspended/ineligible student/athlete policy.

NOTE: A player ejected from a contest must remain under the supervision of a coaching staff member for the remainder of the contest from which he was ejected. This would permit the ejected player to stay in the team bench area if no school personnel is available to supervise the player outside the contest area.

The local school district shall determine if the ineligible player shall travel to and/or from the contest, sit on the team bench or enter the locker room while suspended. The ineligible player is not to dress for the contest nor participate in pregame warmups.

Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete at any level grades 7-12 who is ejected from an IHSAA sanctioned sport will be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course "Sportsmanship- It's Up to You." The course must be viewed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest and the certificate of course completion must be sent to the IHSAA office. This mandate is in addition to missing the next regularly

scheduled game/meet which is defined as the next scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted date. There is no cost for this course.

Reporting procedures. It will be the responsibility of the game/meet official to report any disqualifications to the IHSAA the day following the game/meet. If the game/meet is held Friday or Saturday, the report should be made the Monday following the game/meet.

It is the coach's responsibility to inform his/her administrator of any disqualification(s). The administrator will file an official report form with the IHSAA. These forms will be provided to each member school.

## **IGHSAU Ejections Policy**

If a coach/player is ejected from a game/match, he/she does not coach/play for the remainder of that game/match. He/She may coach/play in other competition later on that same day. Any sanction issued by the school or State Office will be served on a subsequent date after review of the filed reports.

When a coach is serving a suspension, he/she may not coach and must be out of sight and sound of the contest venue. He/She is not permitted to watch the contest(s) as a spectator unless he/she has a daughter playing in the contest(s). If a player is serving a suspension, she may not be in uniform or participate in the contest(s) or pre-game warm-up, but may be in street clothes on the bench, dugout, etc.

**Should a coach or player be ejected from a contest in any sport, the following procedure is in effect.**

### **First Offense**

The school administration and game officials shall notify the State Office the following business day. The school administration must meet with the offender and file the Ejection Report form (found online at the IGHSAU website) with the State Office. The Offender must write a written summary of the events which led to the ejection with the State Office. Ejected players must watch the [NFHS Sportsmanship Video](#). This is a free video. Ejected coaches must view the [NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior Video](#). There is a fee to view this video. Players and coaches must watch this video before being able to return to play or coach. The normal penalty for a first offense is a one-date suspension. However, a lesser or more severe penalty may apply upon review of the incident.

### **Second Offense**

The school administration and game officials shall notify the State Office the following business day. Written report is mandated, as required procedurally with a first offense. The standard penalty for a second offense within one year of the initial offense, is school membership sanction and the violator is subject to a multi-date suspension. However, more severe penalties may apply if warranted.

### **Third Offense**

The school administration and game officials shall notify the State Office the following business day. Written report is mandated, as required procedurally with a first and second offense. The penalty for a third offense will be determined after a formal hearing by the Board of Directors.